

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

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65.(New) A device for controlling display on a display apparatus in response to one or more processing units, the device characterized by comprising:

means for receiving a request from one of the processing units for acquiring one of predefined display areas;

means for determining whether or not to provide an authorization to acquire the one of the predefined display areas in response to the request; and

means for monitoring whether or not the authorization to acquire the one of the predefined display areas is provided to a processing unit when a display processing is implemented by the processing unit;

wherein when a plurality of requests for acquiring the same one of the predefined display areas from a plurality of processing units are received in the receiving means, the authorization is provided to one and only one of the processing units that made one of the requests for acquiring the same one of the predefined display areas.

66.(New) A device according to Claim 65, further comprising means for disabling a display processing by a processing unit to which the authorization is not provided.

67.(New) A device according to Claim 65, wherein the processing unit is an application.

68.(New) A device according to Claim 65, wherein the processing unit is a plurality of applications.

69.(New) A device according to Claim 65, wherein the authorization is provided to the processing unit having a higher predefined priority.

70.(New) A device according to Claim 65, further comprising means for notifying the one of the processing units whether or not the authorization is given.

71.(New) A computer readable medium storing a plurality of instructions to be executed by at least one processor for controlling display on a display apparatus in response to one or more processing units, the plurality of instructions characterized by comprising instructions for:

receiving a request from one of the processing units for acquiring one of predefined display areas;

determining whether or not to provide an authorization to acquire the one of the predefined display areas in response to the request; and

monitoring whether or not the authorization to acquire the same one of the predefined display areas is provided to a processing unit when a display processing is implemented by the processing unit;

wherein when a plurality of requests for acquiring the one of the predefined display areas from a plurality of processing units are received in the receiving step, the authorization is provided to one and only one of the processing units that made one of the requests for acquiring the same one of the predefined display areas.

72.(New) A computer readable medium according to Claim 71, further comprising the instruction for disabling a display processing by a processing unit to which the authorization is not provided.

73.(New) A computer readable medium according to Claim 71, wherein the processing unit is an application.

74.(New) A computer readable medium according to Claim 71, wherein the processing unit is a plurality of applications.

75.(New) A computer readable medium according to Claim 71, wherein the authorization is provided to the processing unit having a higher predefined priority.

76.(New) A computer readable medium according to Claim 71, further comprising the instruction for notifying the one of the processing units whether or not the authorization is given.